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Venice, Cal.

After a long rest, I will try my hand again, to let you all know how we are getting along in the "Golden" state. I arrived here June 25, and am more than glad to say I am walking the "golden streets" once more.

The weather is fine out here. We have 365 days of sunshine. The nights are always nice and cool. The mercury registers 56 at night time and about 69 to 82 in the sun.

The first grapes to be shipped from northern California were sent out to-day from the Vacaville section one quarter car of Bafyotes, an early variety, comprised the first shipment made about ten days earlier than usual. The grape crop this year will be larger and the amount sent east depends only on the markets there. Shipments have been estimated at 8,000 cars from northern California, not speaking about the crop we have in the southern part of the state.

The best sugar crop in southern California will soon be gathered. It promises well in spite of the "strangle hold" of the Underwood tariff law.

There were 38,503 car loads of citrus fruits shipped up to June 15, against 15,000 last year. California produced in May close to 9,500,000 barrels of oil probably the largest in its history.

At Riverside arrangements have been made by which the Pacific electric company will extend its line to Corona.

The fruit cannery at Porterville has made a single sale of ten cars of spring peaches, at \$10,000.

It is said that the American people will eat \$70,000,000 worth of California oranges this year. An orange grove of 20 acres at Charter Oak has been traded for a quarter section improved farm in Illinois at a valuation of \$80,000 for the combined transaction.

Yes! I was about to forget to tell you about our apricot crop. It is the greatest ever grown in the state and that means in the world. The crop is estimated to run in the whole state to 200,000,000 of fresh apricots and it is thought that the shipment of dried apricots will total 40,000,000 pounds. The revenue for the state will be about \$4,000,000 and there will have been distributed for labor, for gathering and preparing fruit for market a matter of somewhere between \$500,000 and \$750,000. This apricot crop is peculiar to California. That grown in other countries being very small, comparatively. One of the few California products one finds in almost every large city in the world is the apricots, dried and canned.

T. A. Bakley has sold a seven-and-a-half acre orange grove on Gyppess avenue and San Mates street to Guy L. Hunter for \$15,000. The grove is in full bearing and has excellent water rights. Mr. Bakley took as part payment a 5-acre grove at Riverside valued at \$9,000, receiving \$6,000 cash.

In Los Angeles 50,000 pies are made and consumed daily. The demand is increasing while the pie eaters in Los Angeles may not be consuming the capacity of the pie foundries here at least they are keeping them working nights to supply the demand, therefore the Los Angeles concern will never go into bankruptcy because of a decline in the demand.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Howell are occupying Eldridge cottage at the beach for the present month. Ten machines a minute from Los Angeles. Ten automobiles a minute to Venice last Sunday for an hour. An average of 281 machines an hour for six hours. These figures give some idea of the traffic problems on the beach. This is not including the cars returning from the beach nor the machines driven in through

Santa Monica. That is some idea of the traffic on the roads.

Last Sunday a Pacific electric car passing a crossing blocked the machines for a few seconds and when the traffic was resumed there were thirty-nine automobiles in the jam. A ranchman living near Imperial, in the county of the same name, is cutting alfalfa six feet tall. How is that for alfalfa?

A sixty-acre orange grove at Alhambra has been exchanged for a 320-acre alfalfa track in the Imperial valley at an estimated value of \$200,000. The Alhambra property will be cut up into building lots.

The number of automobiles in the state of California is 102,555. The gross receipts for license at the office amount to \$1,300,000.

The population of the city of Los Angeles is 500,000 and is increasing at the rate of 100,000 per year.

I will close with the best wishes to THE PRESS and its many readers. Come on "Trace creek" with your news, also "Green Fuz." I would like to hear from all Bollinger county people.

Olathe, Colo.

JULY 18, 1914.

Several of our young people on California mesa attended the negro minstrel show at Delta Thursday night and all report a fine time.

One of our good old Bollinger county friends, Guy Bollinger, left Monday for Los Angeles, California.

Bud Liley and Henry Cooper arrived here July 12. They like our country fine.

A large crowd of our people gathered at Core Cooper's July 12 to greet the Missourians, who arrived that day.

Mr. and Mrs. Witt Whitener and Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Berry were delta visitors Saturday, July 18.

Choir practice on California mesa is progressing nicely.

The Fairview boys have organized a ball team and are getting along nicely.

Sunday school on this mesa will be changed from 3:00 p. m. to 10:00 o'clock a. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Berry entertained a large crowd at their home. There were thirty present.

Everett Bennett, who recently arrived from Missouri, says this country looks good to him.

Miss Ruth Rhodes visited Misses Hazel and Minnie Berry Saturday night and Sunday.

We expect a large apple crop here this year. Early apples are just getting ripe.

Mrs. Ida Rhodes and Rose Berry did some shopping at Delta Tuesday.

Ernest Whitener has been sick the last few days, but is reported better.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Berry autowed from Delta to Pea Green Saturday.

Harry Caddes was seriously hurt by a binding machine recently and is not improving as rapidly as his friends would like to see him.

Core Cooper is cutting wheat this week.

Henry Liley sprained his ankle a few days ago, but is getting along as well as could be expected.

Misses Hazel and Minnie Berry and Valle Rhodes were Delta visitors Tuesday.

Misses Ruth Rhodes and Mary Whitener visited Miss Stella Cooper Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Mollie Whitener spent Friday afternoon in Olathe.

Misses Ruth and Valle Rhodes and Hazel and Minnie Berry went driving Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cooper visited at Frank Cooper's Wednesday.

Mrs. Annie Berry, who has been visiting relatives at Cimmaron, has returned home.

Some of our people have been threshing wheat the last few days. Misses Hazel and Minnie Berry visited Mrs. Annie Berry Friday afternoon.

FORGET-ME-NOTS AND PANSIES.

My Prodigal

Last night the boy came back to me in dreams—

The little lad, with merry eyes of gray;
Came from far wanderings in strange lands;
So long—so long since he had gone away!

Unscathed by the world's wild strife he came
Just as he went; and with his brave young eyes

Mocked at the shadows by the great world flung,
Facing the future with a pleased surprise.

And I, grown old thru patient grief and pain,
Gave him sweet welcome to my home and heart;

Laughed at his laughter as he dried my tears,
Soothed by the thought that we no more should part.

So, binding him with gentle cords of love,
Lest he grow restive and away again,
I followed where his wayward footsteps led,

And in his joy, my heart forgot its pain.
But all too soon the cold gray dawn dispersed
The slumber-mists from my sad eyes away;

My empty, aching arms again outstretched,
I was too grieved, too desolate to pray.
For on my sinking heart, like thrusts of sword,

The cruel truth beat out this sad refrain,
"The boy, long-wandered among men, is lost;
Only in dreams will he come back again."

—Helen Oatta-McVey in the Commoner.

Feed Wheat

Wheat is now selling for the same or less than corn. If wheat were 10 per bushel higher than corn it could still be fed profitably to work animals, growing stock and milk cows.

Wheat contains more protein and carbohydrates than corn, but less fat. So for fattening purposes only is corn better than wheat.

The best results will be obtained from wheat when mixed with some other grain, the proportions depending on the class of animals to be fed.

Besides being an unbalance feed, when fed alone, wheat adheres to the teeth and gums of the animals. For horses and cattle it will be found profitable to either crack or grind the wheat.

A few balanced rations for work horses and milk cows follow: If one has other feeds we will be glad to assist in balancing such feeds if you will write to this department stating the feeds you have and the kind of animals.

For horses at heavy work:
1 Part bran with 2 parts wheat, or 1 part cottonseed meal and 5 parts corn with 12 parts wheat.

For milk cows:
1 Part cottonseed meal with 4 parts wheat, or 1 part wheat with 4 parts bran, or 1 part cottonseed meal and 1 parts corn with 3 parts wheat.

SETH BARCOCK,
Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Last week a man by the name of A. A. Huffman was arrested in Bollinger county on the charge of having poisoned his wife's cow. The couple were residents of Liberty township in this county, but some time ago separated and the husband had gone over to Bollinger county. Afterwards Mrs. Huffman was annoyed at night-times, reaching its culmination when her cow was poisoned. The miscreant, to carry out his purpose, had taken corn cobs, removed the pith and filled the cavity with Paris green and the cow ate enough of them to die. Some of the cobs were found and delivered to the officers. Mrs. Huffman believes that it was the work of her husband. It is not known what evidence exists against him. He came in and gave bond for his appearance at the preliminary, which will take place on Saturday of next week before Justice Yount of Liberty township.—Jackson Items.

Between the Battle Lines in Mexico

WE have arranged to publish serially the remarkable story entitled, "The Land of Broken Promises," by Dane Coolidge. It is a story of the Mexican revolution, and a graphic picture of conditions in that country built upon the adventures of two Americans and the romance of a beautiful Mexican senorita.

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Returns From the Primary

We have not attempted to give the official figures in this report for the reason that it would be too late in the week about getting out the paper, but there will probably be very little difference in the figures given here and the official returns. Very little attention has been given to the returns on candidates who had no opponent.

The election was a very quiet and orderly one so far as we have been able to learn. There was only one contest on the republican ticket and that caused a very light vote for the ticket and no one seems to have been interested enough in the matter to keep up with the returns and we will not be able to give it until the official count is made.

We are only giving totals and up to the time of going to press two precincts were still to hear from—Luxville and Sturdivant—and these will make very little change in the figures.

PRESIDING JUDGE
Farnsworth.....255
Welker.....535
Slinkard.....419

PROBATE JUDGE
Cole.....540
Cheek.....237
Mitchell.....322
Venable.....168

CIRCUIT CLERK
Pierce.....442
Teeters.....264
Dunn.....317
Chandler.....281

COUNTY CLERK
Yount.....785
Wells.....549

COLLECTOR
Kinder.....380
Clippard.....339
Presnell.....316
Leodler.....166
Zimmerman.....110

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
Morgan.....894
McCans.....244

Limbaugh is far ahead for judge of the northern district.

From a long distance message from Farmington yesterday morn-

ing, Mr. Hensley carried every county and township in the Thirteenth district except Festus, the home of his opponent, Dr. Wolff, and will have more than 10,000 majority.

Mr. Russell has been renominated in the Fourteenth district and is said to have carried every county except Pemiscon, the home of his opponent, Mr. Ward.

Senator Stone will be nominated by a large majority, and Blair is reported in the lead for judge of the Supreme court with Rader a close second.

The Advance Telephone company has our sincerest thanks for favors in furnishing election returns.

A Swindle of Course

Opposite Alton in Missouri lives a farmer whose land is mostly white sand that is apparently worthless. A few days ago a man went to the German and gave him \$500 dollars for an option saving he was representing the Illinois Glass Co., of Alton, that the farmer's land was a bed of glass sand, and the company would pay him \$15,000 for it. A couple of days later another fellow walked up to the German and offered him \$30,000 for the land. He was told of the option; "Get it back and the \$30,000 will be paid you by the Pittsburg Plate Glass Co.," he said. The German hunted up the other fellow and bought back the option for \$4,000 and settled back to wait for the man with the \$30,000. He is still waiting.—Chester Tribune.

How to Treat Your Town

Praise it.
Improve it.
Talk about it.
Trade at home.

Be public spirited.
Take a home pride in it.
Tell of its business men.

Remember it is your home.
Tell of its natural advantages.
Trade and get others to trade here.

When strangers come to town use them well.
Don't call your best citizens frauds and impostors.

Support your local institutions that benefit your town.
Look ahead of self when all the town is to be considered.

Help the public officers do the most good for the most people.
Don't advertise in the local paper "to help the editor," but advertise to help yourself.—Parma Courier.

Who is Johnson's Be efficient?

The deputy of a certain Fraternal Insurance society recently obtained the application of Mr. Wm. Johnson, and gladly escorted that sensible individual before the examining physician. In the process of filling out the papers, Mr. Johnson was asked to name his nearest relatives, that they might be designated as beneficiaries, he explained as follows:

"I met a widow and married her. She had a stepdaughter. My father, a widower, visited us and married the stepdaughter. My wife became the mother-in-law of her father-in-law, and my stepdaughter my stepmother. My father is my stepson."

"After a while my stepmother, the stepdaughter of my wife, had a son. This boy is my brother, being my father's son, but he is also the son of my wife's stepdaughter; and so her grandson. Therefore I am my brother's grandfather."

"Then my wife had a daughter. My mother-in-law is her stepsister and also her grandmother, because she is her stepson's child. My father is the brother of my daughter, who is also the daughter of my grandmother. I am my mother's brother-in-law, my wife is her own child's aunt, my daughter is my father's niece, and I am my own grandfather."

When Mr. Johnson finished the above simple and easily understood statement on his family relations,

the doctor had collapsed and the deputy taken to the woods. The applicant is waiting for some one to come along and designate his beneficiary, so that he can go ahead and join.—Exchange.

To My Friends

I want to thank all my friends for their hearty support in the primary just past, and while defeated, desire to state that I have no sore spots to heal. I want all my friends who supported me in this contest to work as hard for my successful opponent, Mr. Yount, in the general election as they did for me in the primary. I will be found doing all I can for the success of the ticket in November and hope all democrats will unite and get busy so we can win a more glorious victory this fall than we did last general election.

W. F. Wells.

Whose Is the Guilt?

Did you read how that Chicago woman of 34, mother of 12 children, after her 175th arrest, explained why the pledge which she took when in jail never to drink again always broke down the minute she got out?

"I had no place to go. No place but the back door of a saloon. That's always open."

Poor woman! She had started to drink because a nip of whiskey made her forget the biting poverty of her cheerless home.

Weak, you say? Yes! and, of course, frightfully short-sighted for the drugged respite only made a bad situation worse.

But where was society all this time; what was it doing to strengthen her weakness and help to guard her against herself?

"No place to go but the back door of the saloon."

Not a very good case for society, that!

And certainly not the best environment for the rearing of 12 children.

How futile to keep on thrusting such an unfortunate behind prison bars, because she was poor and wretched and weak and friendless.

Would they have jailed her that way had she been rich?—Woman's National Weekly.

A clergyman spending a holiday in the north of Ireland, was out walking, and, feeling very thirsty, called at a farmhouse for a drink.

The farmer's wife gave him a large bowl of milk, and while he was quenching his thirst a number of pigs got around about him. The clergyman noticed that the pigs were very strange in their manner, so he said:

"My good lady, why are the pigs so excited?"

The farmer's wife replied, "Sure it's no wonder they are excited, sir; it's their own little bowl you are drinking out of!"—Woman's National Weekly.

A "mover" traveling through the country with a covered wagon, has been acquitted of a charge of mule stealing at Green Ridge. The defendant proved to the satisfaction of the court that the mule in question broke out of its pasture and insisted on following him, and that he, after failing to drive it away, tried to sell it as a last resort.—St. Joseph Observer.

Talking about that big keokuk dam—if there was some way to utilize the power that women's jaws waste on chewing gum it would run all the railroads in the country.—"Buckshot" by the Professor in Missouri Farmer. Well, say Brother, why not figure into that game the power that is wasted getting the juice out of tobacco to spit on the sidewalk.

You cannot keep temptations from knocking at your door, but you can hang out a "Busy" sign.—Between Furrows in the Country Gentleman.